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SUBJ: PROHIBITION OF SEAL SKIN IMPORTS

REF: A. ROME 13913, B. STATE 068023

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY TELEPHONE BY MR. BOYNTON, PRESIDENT OF FOUKE COMPANY, GREENSVILLE, S.C. AND IN PERSON BY DR. SCHAVINA, MANAGER OF AIP, I.E., ITALIAN NATIONAL FUR GOODS ASSOCIATION, WHO SOUGHT EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING EXCEPTION FROM MINISTERIAL DECREE OF JUNE 8, 1978, WHICH BECAME EFFECTIVE JUNE 14, AND WHICH PROHIBITS IMPORTATION INTO ITALY OF ALL REPEAT ALL SEA SKINS AND OTHER RELATED SEAL PRODUCTS. ITALIAN DECREE IS PATTERNED AFTER U.S. LAW (PL 92-522), WHICH ACCORDING TO REF B, BANS ALL IMPORTS OF ALL SEAL PRODUCTS. HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND U.S. LAW DOES NOT INTEND TO IMPOSE TRADE BAN ON CERTAIN SPECIES, E.G., SPECIES CONTROLLED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH U.S. LAWS FOR THE PROTECTION OF FAUNA.

2. IN SPITE OF REPORTED EXCEPTIONS IN U.S. LAW, ITALIAN BAN - WHETHER INTERNATIONAL OR THROUGH MIS-READING OF U.S. LAW - IS TOTAL. THUS, ALTHOUGH FOUKE CO. SHIPMENTS, AS REPORTED TO US, CONSIST OF SPECIES CONTROLLED BY MSG, NAMELY CALLORHINUS URSINUS (FIRST BATCH) AND ARCTOCEPHALUS PUSILLUS (SECOND BATCH), THEY CANNOT BE IMPORTED TO ITALY. MOREOVER, DR. SIMEONE OF ITALIAN
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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE STATES THAT NO EXCEPTION TO THE BAN ARE ENVISAGED.

3. PLEASE ADVISE USG POSITION REGARDING THIS MATTER, AND FURTHER ACTION, IF ANY, TO BE TAKEN BY THE EMBASSY.HOLMES

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